

1 If we intend that the Attorney General shall be a lawyer and not
2 an administrator, I suggest that by adopting this amendment
3 we say that very clearly in the Constitution and thus limit
4 the power of the General Assembly to ever do what we do not
5 intend it to do, that is, to make the Attorney General an
6 executive officer, rather than a lawyer for the Executive
7 Department.

8 I urge you to support the amendment.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions of the
10 sponsor of the amendment?

11 Delegate Sybert.

12 DELEGATE SYBERT: Mr. Chairman, will the sponsor
13 yield to a question?

14 THE CHAIRMAN: State the question.

15 DELEGATE SYBERT: This language will be
16 considerably more restrictive than the other language with
17 respect to other matters. Wouldn't your amendment restrict
18 the right of the Legislature to permit or to require the
19 Attorney General to handle a criminal case in which the
20 State's Attorney was the defendant, because that, it would
21 seem to me would be pertaining somewhat to a job of the
State's Attorney.